MIDDLESEX TOWN ROAD COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, May 21,2026 5pm Meeting

Middlesex Town Hall and via Zoom*
5 Church Street Middlesex, Vermont 05602

5:00 - Call To Order/Minutes for April16,2026 approved / Agenda approved May 21, 2026.
Present:
Members: (See below) (others were on zoom?)
Guests: Mike Dacy (CReW); John Udis (MDX Cons Comm'n); Colin Marshall (MDX Emerg Coordinator); Linda Fenton; (others on Zoom?)
Sandy with help from Zoom AI notes will prepare minutes

Team Fix – Culvert Crawlers update (Mike Dacy)

- CREW is a nonprofit covering Middlesex, Waterbury, Moretown, Duxbury, and Bolton, focused on flood recovery and resilience
- Culvert Crawlers is a citizen monitoring program using a web-based survey tool (no download required) to report culvert conditions. Student who began work has graduated, is being taken over by Conservation Comm'n with John Udis in the lead.
- ~13 surveys already submitted from Middlesex; ~35 residents signed up; 7-8 active during Green Up day to test the system.
- A public in-person training is planned for June & notice on FPF will go out about this
- Eric (road foreman) will receive login credentials for the enhanced map view and check results weekly

FEMA projects happening before 7/14/26

- McCullough Hill work scheduled before July 14th deadline
- Extensions to be filed for five remaining 2023/2024 flood recovery projects
- FEMA reimburses town labor, benefits, and equipment for permanent repairs

Team Future – ideas for a 5 year plan, looking ahead.

- Five-Year Road Plan & Mud Mitigation
- Keith (Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission) finalizing a report on culverts and mud problem areas with budget estimates
- John Rahill expressed concern about Wood Road work not getting done or being included in the budget
- Dexter Lefavour expressed concern about not having data needed from town to have needed work clearly identified & included in the budget for next year
- Sandy suggested working with what we have to move things forward. John, Dexter & others on Future Team can start to put list together.
- Paul expressed concern that known issues are being over-complicated; offered to draft work scopes and preliminary pricing. He has many other work & town obligations & it was suggested he get help from others.
- Mud mitigation budget for FY2026–27 is approximately $20,000
- Zara mentioned recent meeting with CVRPC about Regional Safety Plan

Great Brook Futures Project:

- Great Brook / UVM Research assistance
- UVM researchers selected to model flood resilience on Great Brook and Winooski River, funded by

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Lake Champlain Basin Program.
- Focus on what engineering work can be done to reduce erosion risks along Brook Rd.
- Updated information provided to put on webpage (Zara will do this)
- Linda asked about dredging possibilities; response was that likely work to be done would lower the flood plain to give water somewhere to go.

Team Funding – Upcoming grants or funding ideas.
- BRIC grant application submitted for $200,000 ($150K grant + $50K town match)
- Better Roads Grant application submitted ($12 – 14K) for road erosion

Team Friends –
- March update posted regarding FEMA repayments and last fall's 6 culverts installation.
- Emergency Communications
    - Colin (Emergency Management Coordinator) outlined a structured radio-based incident command model for emergency personnel
    - Hilton reported that 3–6 Meshtastic nodes could cover ~95% of Middlesex; system tabled for now but not discarded
    - VT Alert system already in place; Colin to promote sign-up via Front Porch Forum

Other matters:
- Question from Linda about repaving 3 Mile Bridge Road, Pot hole repairs on Cross Road & comment on last year's roadside mowing
- New asphalt hot box purchased; repairs expected to last longer than previous cold pack method
- 3 Mile Bridge Road culvert replacement to happen this summer
- Road commissioner position to be advertised. Eric is filling position now.

7:00(ish) Adjourn.

Members Present:

_x__Paul Cerminara	___Richard Cowles	_x__Hilton Dier	
___Vic Dwyer	___Scott Gurley	_x__Mike Kline	_x__Dexter Lefavour
_x__Sandy Levine	___Steve Martin	_x__Eric Metivier _	__Jessica Millard
___Marianne Mullen	_x__John Rahill	_x__Zara Vincent	

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